
PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE INFORMATION SHEET BEFORE COMPLETING THE APPLICATION.

■ **WHAT IS THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT?**

The Educational Opportunity Grant (EOG) program provides renewable \$2,500 grants to financially needy placebound Washington residents as an incentive to complete their four-year degrees at eligible public and independent colleges and universities. The Educational Opportunity Grant was created by the Washington State Legislature to raise upper-division participation rates by encouraging placebound students who have already achieved junior standing through completion of an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree, or transferable credits, to complete a four-year degree.

■ **WHO QUALIFIES FOR THE GRANT?**

To apply for this grant, you must be “placebound” and meet other eligibility requirements.

- “Placebound” is defined as having completed only the first two years of a four-year degree due to family or employment commitments, health concerns, financial need, or other similar factors.
- You must be a Washington resident.
- Before your first term of enrollment at the four-year school, you must **have achieved junior standing** as recognized by the school you plan to attend, either by completing an Associate of Arts or Associate of Sciences transfer degree program, or through earned credits.
- You must demonstrate financial need certified by the financial aid administrator at the college you plan to attend (**this means you must have completed all institutional financial aid applications and the federal financial aid form – *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA); if you have Internet access, you may complete a FAFSA online at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>**).
- You must be planning to attend an **eligible** four-year school in Washington. To be eligible, schools must be accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges (NWASC); or a branch campus of a member institution accredited by Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, New England Association of Schools and Colleges, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, or Western Association of Schools and Colleges that meet other specified criteria and participate in other state financial aid programs.
- You must be a junior or senior transfer student in 2004-2005, and must not have been enrolled during the prior academic year at the four-year school you plan to apply and attend with this grant.

■ **WHICH SCHOOLS CAN I ATTEND WITH THE GRANT?**

Four-year schools currently meeting the program’s requirements are: Antioch University, Bastyr College, Central Washington University, Cornish College of the Arts, Eastern Washington University, The Evergreen State College, Gonzaga University, Henry Cogswell College, Heritage College, Northwest College, Pacific Lutheran University, Saint Martin’s College, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle University, University of Puget Sound, University of Washington, Walla Walla College, Washington State University, Western Washington University, Whitman College, and Whitworth College.

The institution you attend must not require you to be involved in any educational program that includes any religious worship, exercise or instruction.

■ **HOW MUCH WILL I RECEIVE IF I AM ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT?**

The grant will be \$2,500 for the academic year and is renewable for one year. *If you attend less than the full academic year or if your financial need as certified by your school is less than \$2,500, your grant amount will be adjusted downward.* For students attending a quarter school, the intended maximum is six quarters. For students attending a semester school, the intended maximum is four semesters. Students with extenuating circumstances may petition for additional terms of funding, as funds remain available.

■ **WILL I RECEIVE THE GRANT IN ADDITION TO OTHER FINANCIAL AID?**

If your need, as documented by the federal student aid report, is not met by other financial aid sources, the Educational Opportunity Grant can be added to your financial aid package. If your need is fully met by other financial aid, then the Educational Opportunity Grant will replace loans, not grants or scholarships.

■ **HOW DO I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT?**

The application form has three parts. You must complete parts A & B; the financial aid administrator at the college you plan to attend must complete Part C. Submit Part C to your financial aid administrators immediately to allow time for completion. If you apply to more than one school, please submit one application for each school you are considering.

■ **HOW WILL RECIPIENTS BE SELECTED?**

Complete applications will be reviewed continuously, beginning April 1, 2004 until May 30, 2005, as long as funds remain available. Priority will go to the earliest complete applications. Complete applications are scored based on placebound status and financial need.

■ **WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?**

*You must apply **before** your initial term of enrollment at the four-year school you plan on attending.*

☐ I plan to begin attendance **fall term 2004**. Apply between April 1, 2004 and September 1, 2004.

☐ I plan to begin attendance **winter term 2005**. Apply between April 1, 2004 and February 1, 2005.

☐ I plan to begin attendance **spring or summer quarter 2005**. Apply between April 1, 2004 and May 1, 2005.

■ **HOW WILL I BE NOTIFIED IF I RECEIVE AN AWARD?**

A notice of award, or non-award, will be sent to you and to your financial aid office when your application has been reviewed.

■ **HOW DO I REMAIN ELIGIBLE?**

Students remain eligible within an award period as long as the institution can certify you continue to be in good standing including making satisfactory academic progress.

■ **CAVEATS**

- ◆ Awards are **provisional** until schools can confirm student eligibility just prior to disbursement of funds.
- ◆ Program funding and program eligibility criteria depend upon legislative provisions and appropriation.

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Educational Opportunity Grant

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WASHINGTON STATE
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT
2004–2005 APPLICATION

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Fall 04 _____

Winter 05 _____

Spring 05 _____

Summer 05 _____

INSTRUCTIONS

This application consists of three parts: **You must complete Parts A and B**, typed or legibly written in ink and return it to the Higher Education Coordinating Board. Send Part C to the four-year school you plan to attend as a junior. Your school will complete Part C and will forward it to the Higher Education Coordinating Board for processing. **(NOTE: You must have completed the admissions process and the FAFSA before your financial aid administrator can complete Part C. See page one of the information sheet.)** If you are considering more than one school at this time, please complete a separate application for each school.

DEADLINE: While funds remain available, applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis beginning April 1, 2004, and ending June 1, 2005 (Please refer to the Application Information Sheet for specific deadlines related to the term you intend to enroll at a four-year school.)

PART A – TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT

1. Name: _____ / _____ / _____

Last
First
Middle
2. SSN: _____ - _____ - _____
3. Birthdate: ____ / ____ / ____ Male ☐ Female ☐
4. Phone: (____) _____
5. E-Mail address: _____
6. 2004-05 Terms of enrollment (Mark ALL that apply): Fall 04 ☐ Winter 05 ☐ Spring 05 ☐ Summer 05 ☐
7. Permanent residence: _____

Street
City
State
Zip
8. Address while attending college: _____

(if different)
Street
City
State
Zip
9. Date I became a legal resident of Washington:
 (If you have always lived in this state, use your date of birth.) _____ / _____

Month
Year
10. Indicate the schools you are considering attending, in order of preference, during the 2004-05 school year.

College	Main Campus	Branch Campus / Extended Learning Center <i>(Please list site)</i>
1) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> OR <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> OR <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
3) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> OR <input type="checkbox"/>	_____

NOTE: YOU MAY NOT USE THIS GRANT TO CONTINUE AT YOUR CURRENT INSTITUTION.

12. List **all** colleges or universities you have previously attended in the space below.

<u>College</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates Attended</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Degree Date</u>

(Attach a list of any additional colleges if necessary.)

13. Academic major: _____

14. Estimated baccalaureate graduation date: _____

15. Planned enrollment status for 2004-2005: Full-Time ☐ Other ☐ _____
(Explain)

16. Amount of educational loans to date (student only – Stafford/Perkins Loans):

Amount borrowed: \$ _____ Current unpaid balance: \$ _____

17. You **must have** completed the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** form and applied for admission in order for your financial aid administrator to complete Part C of this application. Check with the college you plan to attend for further instructions about completing the financial aid process. **If you have Internet access, you may apply on-line at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>**

☐ I **have** applied for admission.

☐ I **have** applied for financial aid.

☐ I **have not** applied for financial aid, but will contact my financial aid office.

1. **STUDENT AGREEMENT:** By my signature, I certify that the information contained in Parts A and B of this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, I give my consent to the financial aid administrator at the college I plan to attend to release necessary demographic and financial information to assist in the Higher Education Coordinating Board's administration of the program. I certify that, according to the definition provided and to my answers on Part B, I am a placebound citizen. During the entire period I receive the Educational Opportunity Grant, I understand I cannot be required by my college or university to be involved in any program or class that includes any religious worship, exercise or instruction.

Signature

Date

Please Print Name

Send completed application to:

**Educational Opportunity Grant Program
Higher Education Coordinating Board
917 Lakeridge Way / PO Box 43430
Olympia, WA 98504-3430**

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT
2004–2005 APPLICATION
PART B – “PLACEBOUND DESCRIPTION”**

For this grant program, a “**placebound person**” is defined as one who:

- Has junior standing through the completion of an Associate of Arts or Sciences degree; **or** has transferable credits equal to junior standing at the four-year school you plan on attending with this grant.
- Has been unable to complete a college program because of family or employment commitments, health concerns, monetary inability, or other similar factors.
- Would be able to complete their bachelor’s degree with the help of this grant.

Please mark the “Yes” or “No” box by each statement as it applies to your plans to attend a four-year school. Explain special circumstances on the reverse side.

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- ☐ ☐ I am the caregiver for an elderly or disabled family member. (Explain)
- ☐ ☐ I will continue to work at my current job.
- ☐ ☐ I am a homeowner.
- ☐ ☐ I will be moving out of the area, approximately _____ miles, to attend school.
- ☐ ☐ I am returning to school this term after an absence of one or more years.
- ☐ ☐ I have a documented medical condition that requires continued care by my local doctor.
- ☐ ☐ Family or friends will assist me with childcare while I am in school.
- ☐ ☐ My spouse will be continuing in a permanent job.
- ☐ ☐ There are no public or private four-year colleges within reasonable commuting distance of my current residence (approximately 1 hour or 50 miles).
- ☐ ☐ My dependent(s) has a documented medical condition that requires continued care by a local doctor.
- ☐ ☐ I will continue to live in my current government-subsidized, low-income housing. (Does not include dormitories.)
- ☐ ☐ The four-year school I am applying to offers an academic/degree program not available within commuting distance of my current residence (approximately 1 hour or 50 miles). The degree program is _____.
- ☐ ☐ My children will be enrolled in the same daycare or school as at present.
- ☐ ☐ The cost of moving has prevented me from going to a four-year college out of the area.

Name: _____ Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____

(Please Print)

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**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT
2004-05 APPLICATION
PART C – FINANCIAL AID WORKSHEET**

Student Instructions – Fill in your name and Social Security number and forward Part C to the Financial Aid Office at the four-year school you would like to attend with this grant. If you are considering more than one school at this time, copy this form and send it to each school.

Name: _____ / _____ / _____ SSN: _____ - _____ - _____
(Last) (First) (MI)

School Instructions – Part C information must be based on the applicant's SAR. Financial aid information will be used to determine applicant eligibility and to supplement the demographic database for recipient profiles. Complete applications will be continuously reviewed for eligibility while funds remain. **Final dates to apply:**
Fall – September 1, 2004; Winter – February 1, 2005; Spring or Summer quarter – May 1, 2005.

*** * * FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY * * ***

1. Budget:

- A. Type: _____ Dependent, lives with parents
_____ Dependent, lives away from parents
_____ Independent, unmarried, no dependents
_____ Independent, unmarried, with dependents
_____ Independent, married, no other dependents
_____ Independent, married with dependents

B. Budget duration, if less than nine months: _____

C. Budget amount: \$,

2. Family income: (Annual taxed and untaxed income upon which the contribution is calculated.)

- A. Parent income (if dependent student): \$,
- B. Student income (if dependent or independent): \$,
- C. Spouse's income from work (if married): \$,

3. Total expected family contribution: \$,

4. Financial need based on budget in Item #1: \$,

5. Family size: _____ Number in college: _____

6. Washington resident: Yes: _____ No: _____ If applicant is not a Washington resident, but anticipates residency during the academic year, which term? _____

7. Class standing: Applicant must have received an Associate of Arts or Sciences degree or achieved junior status to receive an Educational Opportunity Grant.

A. Associate of Arts or Sciences Degree: Yes: _____ No: _____ Unknown at this time: _____

B. Class standing at beginning of the student's initial term of enrollment during the 2003-2004 academic year:
Junior: _____ Senior: _____

C. If neither, when do you anticipate the student will advance to junior standing or obtain an Associate of Arts or Sciences degree? By the beginning of _____ quarter/semester, 2004-2005.
(term)

8. Ethnicity: ___ White/Caucasian ___ Asian/Pacific Islander ___ Black/African American
 ___ American Indian ___ Eskimo ___ Hispanic/Spanish
 ___ Other ___ Aleut ___ Unknown/Unavailable

9. Comments: (Please add anything that would help clarify the student's status; for example lack of sufficient transfer credits, lack of admission status, re-determination of need, selected for verification, or current student.)

10. By my signature, I certify that the information contained and requested in **Part C** of this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of financial aid administrator

Date

Print name

Institution